

**PETITION AND DECLARATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name:

that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

*ENERGY SAVINGS CIRCUMFERENTIAL BASE  
FOR COOKING UTENSILS.*

in the attached specification; that

I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before me or my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any county before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application and any county foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information on which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

Petitioner appoints George R. Royer, Attorney, Registration Number 24,974 of 316 N. Michigan St., Suite 416, Toledo, Ohio 43624 and Charles Schroeder, Attorney, Registration Number 16,311 of 1336 Fifth Third Center, Toledo, Ohio 43604 to process this Application for

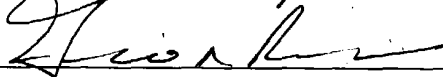
Patent before the United States Patent Office and are authorized to conduct any business or matters for me before the U.S. Patent Office on the matters herein.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. I have read the foregoing specification and claims as amended by any prior amendment hereto and I understand same.

I further petition the Commissioner of Patents to grant Letter of Patent to me (as assigned with any Assignment Form accompany the Declaration herein).

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ENERGY SAVING CIRCUMFERENTIAL BASE FOR

COOKING UTENSIL

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING  
SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and  
1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

I, a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined by 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35 United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled ENERGY SAVING CIRCUMFERENTIAL BASE FOR COOKING UTENSIL described in

( ) the specification filed herewith

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28 (b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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